



Egremont News

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We would like to be able to cut down on expenses of printing this newsletter if possible. If you are able to get the newsletter electronically please let us know.

Selectmen:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Sally Caldwell on her sudden passing. The Town, and most especially the patrons of the Egremont Library, will miss Sally who ran our Library for the past 14 years.

The Board welcomes new Treasurer/Collector Sue Funk, who was chosen from a field of 13 applicants. We wish Pat Mielke a great, and long, retirement.

The Board thanks Steve Willig for his years on the School Committee and welcomes new School Committee member Frank Marinaro. Mr. Marinaro, has unfortunately, resigned from his position as he is unexpectedly leaving Egremont. The Board is accepting letters of interest until January 7 at which time an appointment will be made to fill the vacancy.

At long last after several delays the new Police Facility is in its final stages of construction. As you read this the heating, plumbing and electrical work are being completed.

Egremont reached a response rate of 68.13% on its WiredWest support Card returns. Thank you to our residents for being so pro-active.

Library:

The Trustees of the Egremont Free Library would like to take this opportunity to remember our librarian and friend, Sally Caldwell, who passed away on December 11, 2012. Sally served as Librarian for the past fourteen years. We will always remember her willingness to order a particular book for a patron, to save a special book for someone, to greet us all with a smile and cheery hello, and

sometimes just to listen to someone's concerns or problems.

While Sally was Librarian, the children from the South Egremont School would walk to the school so Sally could read a story to them. This school year, the children have been coming to the Library weekly. Sally loved having the children in the Library and looked forward to selecting books that she knew they would enjoy.

The Library has been closed since December 3rd for interior painting. The library rooms have not been painted in many, many years. Sally was excited about this and we are so sorry she will not see the finished paint job. We plan to hold an Open House in the spring so that you all can see the spruced up rooms.

Sally will be greatly missed by all of us.

The Library plans to reopen on Monday, January 7, 2013 for its regular hours.

ECO-TIP

Turn down your **water heater** to 120 degrees. Each 10-degree drop saves about 4% on your hot water bill. (Don't set it below 120.)

Agricultural Commission:

The Egremont Agricultural Commission is proud to announce that an Egremont farm was honored September 15, 2012 by hosting a dinner put on by the nationally recognized, Outstanding in the Field. Indian Line Farm on Jug End Road was selected among several Berkshire County farms to host 150 people from around the NE region and beyond who traveled to share in a once in a lifetime event. This true farm to table dinner was prepared by chef Brian Alberg of the Red Lion Inn. The table for all 150 was truly open air-- nestled between the 8' tall flowing sorgham/sudan grass cover crop and the mustard greens and arugula. Food for the dinner was all procured from nearby farms including: Indian Line Farm, Equinox Farm, Farm Girl

Farm, Foggy River Farm, Howden Farm, Lila Berle's farm, Berkshire Wildflower Honey, and Zehr Mushroom Farm. Beverages were provided by Millbrook Winery and Berkshire Mountain Distillery. The crew from Outstanding in the Field arrived on Friday at 4:00 pm and by Saturday at 3:00 pm they were set up and ready. Neighbor Betty Duryea graciously allowed the guests to eat appetizers and cocktails on her back lawn as the view is truly spectacular.

Alex Thorp and Elizabeth Keen gave a farm tour and were able to talk about the unique history of Indian Line Farm from being an active dairy farm into the early 1980's (Ollie and Evelyn Wilcox) to the home of the first Community Supported Agriculture farm in the US started by Robyn Van En, Jan Vandertuin and other local community members in 1986. Today Indian Line Farm has 140 CSA members, sells at the Great Barrington Farmers' Market and to several stores and restaurants. Outstanding in the Field holds about 80 such dinners around the country in hopes of highlighting the beauty of small farms and to celebrate the hard work that goes into producing food.

On another note, we want to thank Rhett Proctor for his 6 years of service on the Egremont Agricultural Commission. Rhett is studying veterinary medicine. We wish him the best.

Board of Assessors:

Exciting New Program for Egremont: We are excited to announce that we now have available GIS (geographic information system) for everyone to access. With this online tool you can access not only Egremont parcel/tax maps, parcel lines and numbers and other geographic information but also aerial views, civic points, etc. It is a wonderful tool and we encourage you to go to this location and play with it. There is a help tab, and you can see restricted properties, wetlands and even information on wildlife. You can also do an un-certified abutters list with this system. Please go to:

<http://www.caigisonline.com/EgremontMA/Default.aspx?Splash=True> and let us know what you think.

Abatements: Real Estate Tax bills will be sent out in early January. Property owners have 30 days after the issue date of the bill to apply for an abatement.

Our new Tax Rate: The Fiscal Year 2013 tax rate is \$7.89. The Fiscal Year 2012 rate was \$7.86.

ECO-TIP

A **programmable thermostat** can save 12% on your energy bill (3-year payback). Keep the heat down when you're out, and set it to turn back up before you get home. (Some can be set for weekends, too.) Shop the CET store at www.cetonline.org.

Historical Commission:

The North East Document Conservation Commission has finished its onsite research of the Archives and we expect the report at the end of January. At that time a copy will be made available at Town Hall for review.

While we clean our "attic" at the Town Archives, a wonderful reason to clean your "attic" has presented itself. In honor of the 150th year anniversary of the Civil War, The Mass. Historical Commission has started an outreach program to promote the history of the Commonwealth during the Civil War. While reviewing our holdings, we are looking for residents who might also have Civil War items that have come down through the family.

The Commonwealth Archive in Boston would like a broader more detailed picture available for future historians of artifacts still existing from this period. So far, we have located 85 letters of the period and a document signed by Abraham Lincoln. So this could be the time to finally take down that old trunk and have a look. We are available to assist you in the care and preservation of any such documents you might have and offer ideas on storage and handling so that your generations can share in your family history going forward.

The Archive Room is open on January 5th from 9 to noon. Questions? Please drop by.

Planning Board:

In addition to its regular work of reviewing divisions of land, special permits, subdivisions, and other zoning issues, the Planning Board continues its work on Village and Rural Districts. The goal of this work is to propose new zoning districts which would define the north and south village as different zoning districts from the remainder of the rural areas of town. The villages currently have the same zoning requirements as the rural areas, even though they have a very different character. In order to preserve that village character, the board is working with the technical assistance of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to define the limits of the village areas, as

well as the lot size, frontage, and building setbacks which characterize the villages and which could allow them to grow in a manner that reflects their current character.

The board wants first to propose the boundaries of the new zoning districts and propose intensity regulations that more closely reflect the village areas as they exist now. If the town approves these new districts at town meeting, the next step would be to look at the uses allowed in the new districts, working closely with townspeople to define the character they would like to see for the future in both the village and rural areas. This would include not only what types of land uses townspeople would like to see in Egremont but also what process if any would be required for each type of use. Under our current bylaw, there are no specific residential or commercial districts and all such uses are allowed anywhere in town if the proper permitting is followed, along with agricultural, educational, and other uses which state law exempts from bylaw regulations. Egremont's look for the future will depend on whether we want to keep this random approach to land use or be more specific in what uses we would like to allow and where.

Please watch for an informational meeting in the next couple of months to share with townspeople the work to date on proposals to establish Village and Rural Districts in our town.

Town Clerk:

Another Presidential election is behind us. The additional voting booths helped eliminate lines and made for a smoother day. As always, Egremont voters turned out in great numbers. 844 people voted out of 987 registered voters or 86%. Way to go Egremont!

Shortly after the first of the year you will be receiving your 2013 Census Form. PLEASE fill this out and return it promptly. By doing so you ensure your continued status as an active voter.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 528-0182.

ECO-TIP

Block drafts from electrical outlets and light switches on exterior walls. Foam pads that fit behind the plates are cheap and easy to install. (Available at Carr's.)

Conservation Commission:

Wetlands: Our "Common Wealth"

Protecting Our "Common Wealth"

Wetlands are part of our "common wealth".

They contribute to public health and safety, not only for you and your family, but for your community as well.

Wetlands protect drinking water, prevent storm damage, and provide fish, shellfish, and wildlife habitats.

Wetlands also support commercial fishing, tourism, recreation, and educational opportunities. These valuable resource areas are found in every community across Massachusetts and are an important part of a river's watershed. Although most wetlands are found on private property - maybe even yours - their benefits are important to everyone. Landowners have an important role in protecting wetlands. What Are Wetlands?

Coastal wetlands are directly adjacent to the ocean and include beaches, salt marshes, dunes, coastal banks, rocky intertidal shores, and barrier beaches. Inland wetlands are areas where water is at or just below the surface of the ground. Although these wetlands can appear dry during some seasons, they contain enough water to support certain plants and soils. Inland wetlands include marshes, wet meadows, bogs, and swamps. Wetlands that border on ponds, lakes, rivers, and streams are called bordering vegetated wetlands.

Wetlands Are Not Wastelands

In the past, wetlands were mistakenly regarded as "wastelands" of mud and mosquitoes or simply as obstacles to economic development. However, scientific studies have shown that wetlands protect our health, safety, and property, as well as provide habitat for a variety of wildlife.

Drinking Water Protection

Wetlands are natural water filters. Wetland plants and soils remove pollutants and toxic substances from water. Some pollutants are held for years in the roots of plants such as arrowhead, cattails, and reed canary grass. Some wetland soils have beneficial bacteria that capture other pollutants like nitrates. Wetland plants also filter sediments and recycle important nutrients.

Some wetlands contribute to the drinking water supply by collecting and releasing water to groundwater systems and surface water reservoirs. The degradation and loss of wetlands can impact water supplies, in some cases, resulting in water shortages that require water-use restrictions.

Flood Control

Wetlands temporarily store flood waters. Like sponges, wetlands hold excess water within their boundaries and then slowly release the water back to rivers and ponds. Wetland plants also slow the flow of water. This delaying action prevents flood waters from rising rapidly and threatening lives and property. In contrast, paved areas cannot absorb water and sometimes can increase storm damage by providing a smooth, impervious surface for water to flow over, which increases the speed of flood waters. Coastal wetlands buffer uplands from storm damage. They absorb wave energy and reduce the height of storm waves. Wetland plants bind the soil and help slow shoreline erosion. These resource areas are so effective in controlling erosion and flooding that some coastal communities plant wetland plants and build artificial dunes to protect property.

Fish and Shellfish Habitat

Wetlands are important sources of food and shelter for fish and shellfish. They are spawning and nursery areas for a variety of saltwater and freshwater fish, including herring, flounder, sunfish, and bass. Shellfish like crabs, clams, and bay scallops depend on wetlands such as tidal flats and eelgrass beds for their survival. The fish and shellfish that were spawned in wetlands support the commercial fishing industry and provide food and income for many people. The degradation and loss of wetlands can harm fish and shellfish resources, which, in turn, can impact the fishing industry.

Wildlife Habitat

Many birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, insects, and plants depend on wetlands for their survival. Migratory birds like the red-winged blackbird find food and shelter in wetlands during their seasonal migrations. Shorebirds like the sandpiper use wetlands for food and shelter. Even bald eagles depend on wetlands. In addition, wetlands provide breeding areas for birds such as the wood duck.

Mammals depend on wetland habitats, too. Black bear, deer, and other large mammals often feed on wetland plants. Beavers and muskrats make their homes in ponds and streams, while weasels and otters find their food in marshes.

Wetlands provide habitat for many rare and endangered species such as the wood turtle, piping plover, blue-spotted salamander, and the Plymouth gentian flower.

Natural Beauty & Recreation

In addition to health and safety benefits, wetlands offer natural beauty and recreational opportunities. These resource areas are available to everyone who enjoys the outdoors, such as hikers, hunters, sport fishermen, artists, and bird watchers. Wetlands also contribute to tourism and offer educational opportunities for adults and children. For many landowners and communities, wetlands represent open space - a valuable resource in urban and suburban landscapes.

Worth Every Dollar

Since Colonial times, Massachusetts has lost nearly one third of its wetlands. The loss of wetlands means the loss of the important benefits they provide. Where wetlands once stored stormwater, homes downstream are now more vulnerable to flooding. Where wetlands once provided a critical line of defense from coastal storms, private and public property are now exposed to the full force of the ocean. Where wetlands once provided spawning grounds for fish and shellfish, shellfish beds are now closed and fisheries are diminished.

In economic terms, the cost of preserving wetlands in their natural state is far lower than the cost of repairing property that has been damaged or building structures or facilities to replace wetland functions.

Wetlands Protection

Concerned about the historic loss of wetlands, the Massachusetts Legislature adopted the nation's first wetlands protection laws in the early 1960s. Today, wetlands are protected by state, federal, and sometimes local laws.

The Wetlands Protection Act (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40) is a state law that prohibits the removal, dredging, filling, or altering of wetlands without a permit. This law is administered in each city or town by a local volunteer board called a conservation commission. The Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) oversees administration of the law by developing regulations, providing training to commissions, and hearing appeals of local commission decisions. The law protects not only wetlands, but other resource areas, such as land subject to flooding (100-year floodplains), the riverfront area, and land under water bodies, waterways, salt ponds, and the ocean.

Under Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, any discharge of dredged or fill material into waters or wetlands requires a state Water Quality

Certification. MassDEP must certify that projects requiring federal permits do not violate the state's water quality standards, which include protection for wetlands.

In addition, some communities have their own wetlands protection bylaws. Contact the conservation commission at your city or town hall for more information about the state's Wetlands Protection Act and local wetlands bylaws.

How You Can Help

By recognizing wetlands and understanding their benefits, landowners can make informed decisions that protect these valuable natural resources. You can help protect wetlands by:

- * Learning more about wetlands and sharing that knowledge with others
- * Joining or helping your local conservation commission or local watershed association
- * Obeying wetlands protection laws

For More Information

For more information, call the Department of Environmental Protection's Wetlands Protection Program in Boston at 617-292-5500 or MassDEP's Regional Service Centers at:
Western (Springfield): 413-784-2214

ECO-TIP

The Center For EcoTechnology runs a nonprofit, used-building-materials store at 83 Warwick Street in Springfield. Take a tour of their bargain-filled store on YouTube. Find it at www.cetonline.org.

Egremont Green Committee:

Do you want a New Year's resolution that you can actually keep, that takes very little effort, that is good for the economy, and that will even help the planet? How about resolving to be a better recycler?

Our town has a very high recycling rate, but our participation is far from 100%. Why is that? Is it because people are too busy, don't care, think other people are doing it for them, think it's too complicated, or believe that it doesn't matter?

First: it does matter. Recycling saves materials, resources, energy, and our town's money, and it creates jobs. Second, recycling is super easy. Just put your glass, plastics, metal (aka "tin" cans), and paper in a separate bin at home. That bin doesn't have to be anything fancy. Give Green Committee

member Juliette Haas a call (528-0182 x 22) and she'll supply you with an official blue bin. It's free.

How about the myth that someone else is doing it for you? Nope. If you put those bottles and cans in your regular trash, it goes to landfill where it will rest forever. If a private hauler comes to your home to pick up your trash, don't assume he is recycling the material you've put in your garbage bags. He's not, and that material goes to a landfill.

And the myth that it all ends up in the same place? Wrong again. Here in Egremont, we pay to have ordinary trash hauled to landfills. However, *recyclables* are taken to the state-of-the-art Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Springfield, where they are separated, bailed, and sold to companies that then pay Egremont big bucks for the materials.

So, while it's appreciated that you recycle *sometimes*, how about making a New Year's resolution to recycle 100% of the materials that are recyclable, 100% of the time. The Egremont Green Committee and the planet thank you.

Water Department:

With assistance from the Massachusetts Rural Water Association the Water Department continues an aggressive leak detection program. Every small leak found and repaired saves water and money.

The Water Department has been notified that we have been approved for a program in conjunction with National Grid for the installation of a float control switch. This device will regulate the flow of water pumped from Karner Brook to the treatment plant and will greatly reduce our electric consumption. National Grid has agreed to pay 70% of the total cost and our payback period is three years.

Our semi annual flushing was completed during the month of November. This was done between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. so as not to interfere with our customers usage.

Remember the October snow storm ?? Irene ?? Sandy ?? These and many other storms caused wide spread power outages through out the area. If you lost power you also lost your water supply if you were not a customer of the Water Department. Our propane powered back up generator keeps all of our pumps, meters, and testing equipment running efficiently for long periods of time with no interruption of water flow. If you live on or near our water mains, consider becoming a happy customer of the Water Department.

Finally, please be sure all garden hoses are disconnected and put away, outside faucets are drained and turned off and that there is sufficient heat in your house to prevent freeze ups.

Best wishes for a safe holiday season and a happy new year.

Council on Aging:

Complimentary Luncheon for Seniors

Sponsored by the Egremont Council on Aging

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 1pm

Snow date, January 30

The North Egremont Fire Station

Come meet and connect with other seniors living in Egremont. Learn strategies for managing emergencies and become acquainted with our new Public Health Nurse.

Please RSVP by January 9 to Town Hall at 413-528-0182 ext 10 or 17.

For additional information you may contact any member of the Council on Aging:

Bruce Bernstein (Chair)	528-8269
Dorothy Flynn	528-1792
Georgette Kinney	644-8893
Carolyn Palmucci	528-1440
Penny Pitts	528-0242
Rachel Shaw	528-3488

ECO-REPORT

At the Berkshire Garden Harvest Festival in October, 14 volunteers diverted 10 tons of food waste and 1 ton of cardboard from the waste stream to Meadow Farm in Lee, where it is being composted. Aim for **Zero Waste** -- it can be done!

Sustainability Coordinator:

Water Department Energy Efficiency

Measures Thanks to a very generous program offered by National Grid the Water Department will have a float control switch installed which is estimated to save 6,557 kilowatts of electricity and will result in a reduction of 7,235 pounds of harmful CO2 gases a year. This translates into an estimated reduction of \$700 per year on the Water Department's electric bill. This further demonstrates how saving energy saves money.

The Egremont Zero-Waste Challenge The challenge is on and the New Year is a great time to set a garbage reduction goal for the town and its

residents. Currently Egremont produces an awful lot of trash - 480 tons a year!! Here are some easy ways for you to do your part:

Recycle all the time. If everyone in Egremont recycled we could cut our trash by 20%.

Compost your kitchen scraps. If everyone in Egremont had a backyard compost bin we could cut our trash by another 20%

Recycle your used textiles. Clean and dry textiles (clothing, bedding, towels, etc.) in whatever shape of wear can be donated to Goodwill Industries. If everyone in Egremont removed textiles from their trash we could reduce our trash another 5%.

Decline plastic bags at the supermarket. Take back your clean plastic bags to the Big Ys plastic bin.

Bring wire hangers back to Laramees Cleaners in Great Barrington. They are happy to reuse them.

Wards Nursery will take back plastic plant containers. Either bring them to Wards yourself or set them aside at the Transfer Station.

Wildflower Florist will take back glass vases and reuse them.

With a little bit of effort and your full participation we can chip away at our garbage production until there is very little left. You will be saving the planet will saving the town money. Now how cool is that?

South Egremont Congregational Church:

The First Congregational Church of South Egremont will hold its annual Spaghetti Supper on January 19 from 5 to 7pm. Snow date is January 26 at the same time. Included will be spaghetti with choice of sauce with meat or meatless, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children age 5-12, under age 5 free. For information (413) 528-2368.

Friends of Prospect Lake:

Winter, a milder version so far, has descended on Prospect Lake. In the evenings a film of ice covers the center of the lake and as the sun warms the water it gently disappears.

The ducks, beautiful mergansers and mallards, and the unwelcome geese are still populating the lake. And surprisingly, the eagles are back. More about eagles later. Eileen spotted them and informed her neighbors. They have been seen early in the morning and

afternoons. They float above the eastern end of the lake and disappear into the southern end. A regal sight!

The following information is based on *Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program* a publication of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.

The Bald Eagle is one of the most impressive and majestic birds in North America. It is the largest raptor in Massachusetts. The sexes are similar in appearance but, as with most raptor species, the females are larger than the males. Bald eagles hold their wings straight out from their body while soaring. They make broad, sweeping circles as updrafts lift them skyward.

These movements and their white heads help to distinguish them from turkey vultures.

Courtship occurs in mid-to late winter and is a spectacular sight consisting of aerial loops, cartwheels, dives, and ending with the pair locking their talons together and diving straight downward for hundreds of feet while spinning head over heels. They mate for life. The female lays one to three dull white eggs several days apart usually during a period between early March and early April. Eggs are incubated for 35 days but do not hatch at the same time. This gives the first born an advantage during feeding. Fish are the eagles' preferred food.

To prevent avoidable eagle deaths, fishermen should be diligent in proper disposal of fishing line and equipment. Eagles are known to accidentally ingest hooks and even get tangled in fishing lines. Protection and enhancement of potentially suitable wetland and forest habitats, and maintenance of known breeding, roosting, and wintering areas will be critical to long-term conservation of bald eagles in Massachusetts.

Winter Fundraising

Our annual cake sale took place during the fall and winter holidays. Frank and Diana of the North

Egremont General Store were most helpful in collecting order forms and providing store space for delivery. We had many repeat customers who enjoyed the rum and chocolate cakes last year and promptly placed orders this year. We thank all our customers and bakers who help make this fundraiser a success.

We wish all of our members and neighbors a wonderful new year.

ECO-TIP

Warming your car for more than 30 seconds just wastes fuel. Avoid idling for more than a minute, even if that means turning off your engine while you wait for a traffic light to turn green. Rooftop carriers can cut your mileage by as much as 15%.

Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon
or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursday 9am to 12noon & by appointment

Council on Aging - Third Thursday of each month at 4pm. Other times as needed.

Board of Health - Monday- 8am to 1pm, Tuesday 8:30am to 12pm & 12:30 to 2:30pm, Wednesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm. Meetings - Thursdays as posted 9am to 11am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.
Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - Wednesdays 5:30pm January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Second & Fourth Monday 7:30pm
School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm
Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk - Every other Tuesday evenings 6pm-8pm, Tuesday mornings 9am to 12noon
or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm,
Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Office weekdays 8am to 2pm

Meetings second Thursday 4:30pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

To reach a board member or to leave a message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Prospect Lake Park and Campground -

camping, swimming

413-528-4258 prospectlk@aol.com

www.prospectlakepark.com

The Silo B&B - guest accommodations

413-528-5195

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B

1 Prospect Lake Road

413-528-2882

www.innsweetwater.com

The Weathervane Inn - Lodging

413/800-528-9580

Baldwin Hill Farm B&B -

121 Baldwin Hill Road N/S

528-4092

www.baldwnhillfarmbandb.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant

413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-

Restaurant & Lodging

413-528-6200

www.swisshutte.com

Howard's Antiques - Antique Lighting & Restoration

413-528-1232

www.howardsantiquelighting.com

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal polishing

413-528-3230

Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects

195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23)

413-528-5383

www.homeasianantiques.com

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern

furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and decorative objects.

413-528-0112

www.41mainantiques.com

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Lessons, summer programs

www.bluerider.org

413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -

Horse Boarding, lessons, judging.

413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets

413-528-8301

www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -

Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane

Rug Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.

Tom & Liz Marino

413-528-9465

www.lizmarinorughooking.com

Llamama@wildblue.net

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road, open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week. 413-528-5710

B&S Gventer "Books & Ephemera" - Buy & Sell Books

www.bookfairs.com

413-528-2327

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork

413-644-9979

www.CosmicResonance.com

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor

44 Main Street, South Egremont

413-528-9654

healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

Zorn Core Fitness -

Personal, Couples & Group Training

Cardio Room - \$25 per month Free 1 month cardio for Egremont residents

46 Main Street, South Egremont

413-528-1594

www.zorncorefitness.com

zornari@gmail.com

Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe

Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga

46 Main Street

413-528-0828

kbyoga@gmail.com

Divine Automotive - Automotive repair

413-528-8007

Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine, liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more

413-528-4796

Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating

413-528-9633

Closet Collection - clothing & household consignment shop

413-528-6236

Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail
wood veneer sales
413-644-9696

L and L Construction - Home repairs, additions,
new home building
413-528-5548

"Jack of All Trades"-Handyman Services
Jack Buckley
413-528-1982
413-446-1982

Ron Brazie Jr - Full service property maintenance
and management.
413-229-8204 or 413-429-1833

Catamount Ski Area - Skiing & ropes course
413-528-1262
www.catamountski.com

Anita Schilling - Real Estate Listing & Sales
Barnbrook Realty
413-528-4423
anitacentury21@aol.com

Florence F. Browner Real Estate - Full Service
90 Creamery Road
413-528-3266
flobro@wildblue.net

Kenver Ltd - Winter Sports Equipment, Apparel &
Accessories
39 Main Street
413-528-2330
www.kenverltd.com

Maple Leaf Art Gallery - Joan Mentzinger
154 Hillsdale Road, Route 23

The Agency Without Walls - Helen Krancer
Marketing Consulting and Copywriting That
Get Results. 413-644-9700
helen@agencywithoutwalls.com

Cyber Knight - Matthew Wall
PC repairs - Networking - Internet
413-528-5415
matt@cyber-knight.net

James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking
Field mowing
413-528-0102
pager 413-261-2150

Berkshire Wildlife Solutions - Resolving conflicts
with nature. Eric F. Ives
Mass Problem Animal Control Agent
Consultation/Inspection, Capture, removal
and exclusionary work.
413-528-9813 413-250-5094

PAPERCHASERS Barbara Fields - Organizing and
Productivity Services, Project and Time
Management
413-528-2824
barbara@paperchasers.com

Brookside Quiltworks - Catherine Kane - fabric shop
and quilt gallery. 2 Sheffield Road, Egremont
413-528-0445 www.brooksidequiltworks.com

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EGREMONT
By Juliette Haas

*The views on Baldwin Hill are quite a splendor
In French Park the fine horses they do trot
'Cause there's a special beauty that we have here
in E-gre-mont.*

*Whether native or coming from the ci-ty
Opinions and convictions range a lot
Adding only to our rich di-ver-si-ty
in E-gre-mont.*

*Egremont! Egremont!
Local food exceeds the bar
But in Egremont! Egremont!
Recycling is above par.*

*Those solar panels sure do make us feel good
That new police station really rocks
In short there's simply not
A more congenial spot
For families or retiring
Than there in Egremont.*

*Egremont! Egremont!
We're small but known to roar
But in Egremont! Egremont!
Community Spirit really soars.*

*So as we start another budget season
Rejoice in our low tax rate and cheer
In short there's simply not
A more congenial spot
For families or retiring
Than here in Egremont.*



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